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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Life Insurance

We are pleased to announce that our Board of Trustees has approved a Group Life Insurance program for employees. This plan will make it possible for full-time employees (under 65 years of age) with one or more years of continuous service to participate in a very attractive program at a token cost to the insured. You will hear more about this additional employee benefit in the weeks ahead. We hope to be able to put this plan in effect by March 15.

Fire Instructions More Efficient For Fast Action

General Fire Plan instructions have been made simpler, so that you, a Deaconess employee, can act more quickly and efficiently during an alarm or drill.

If you discover a fire, pull the alarm box nearest you. Familiarize yourself with your area and find the location of the fire box, so you can reach it quickly in an emergency. After pulling the fire alarm go to the nearest hospital telephone, dial Ext. 555 and give the Operator the exact location of the fire. Speak clearly, making sure she understands what you are saying.

If you do hear a fire alarm or paging system announcing a fire or drill and it is in your location you should:

(1) Assist in the removal of any patients or people who are in immediate danger from fire or smoke;

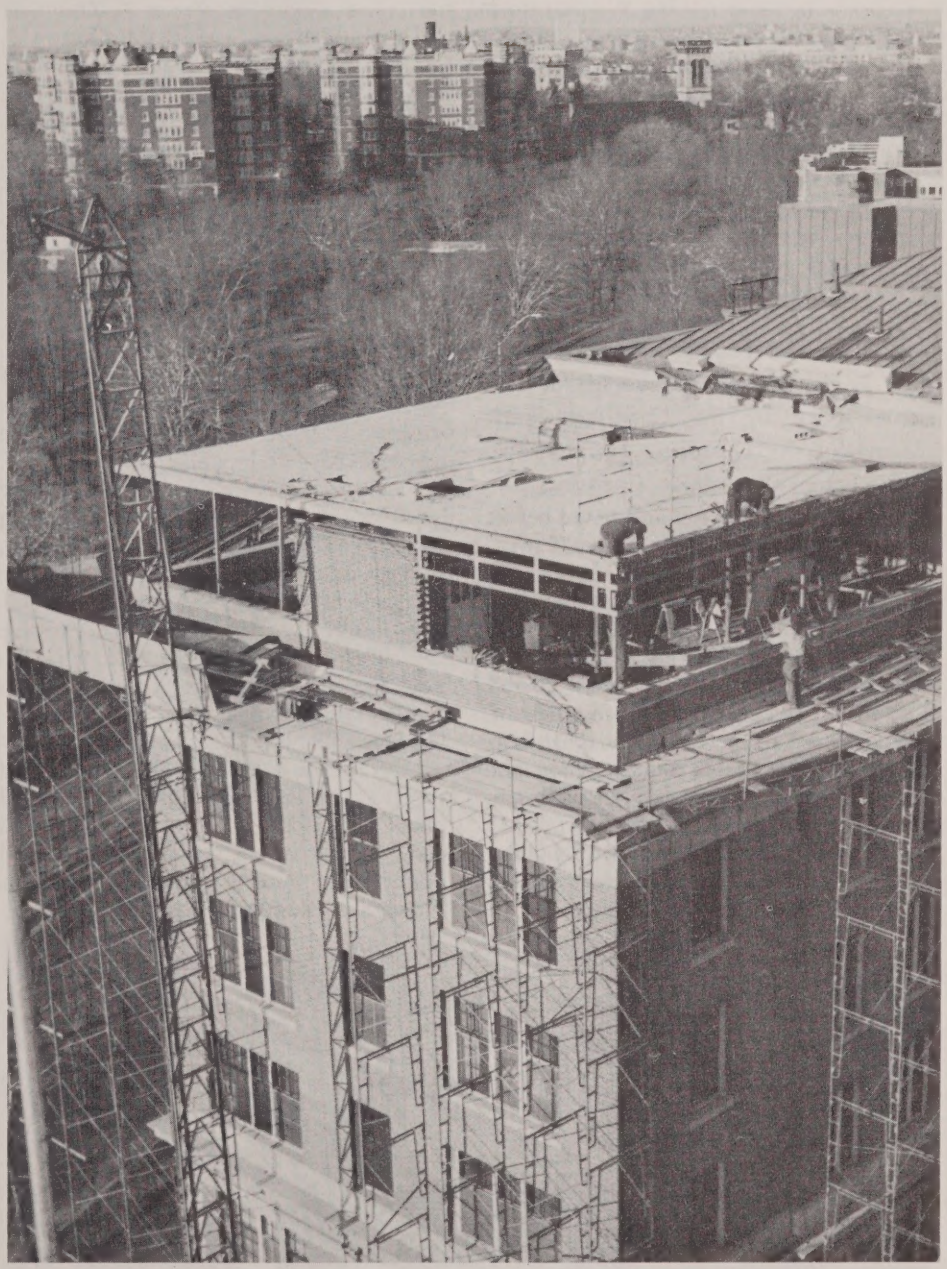
(2) Close all nearby doors and windows to eliminate draft;

(3) Try to extinguish the fire, USING THE PROPER EXTINGUISHER, until you are relieved by professional fire help.

Proper uses of extinguishers are: if the fire is electrical, chemical, gasoline or oil, use the CO_2 extinguisher; if the fire is paper, wood, textile, rubbish or cloth, use the water extinguisher.

If the fire or drill is not in your area, you should report to your normal place of work or your fire duty station and follow your department's fire instructions.

It is important in an actual fire alarm situation to keep your head and not to panic. Memorize the above instructions. Each fire drill should be run through quickly and treated seriously as if it were an actual fire alarm, so confusion and panic will be lessened if ever we are faced with an actual fire emergency.



A semi-aerial view of progress on the roof of the Palmer Memorial

YULE TIDE CAROLERS — Members of the Department of Pathology joined together to carol for the hospital during Christmas week. Mr. Veron S. Truell, far right, organized the group which rehearsed for only two weeks. Caroling in the halls of the Deaconess for the first time, the group sang on every floor and also at the Christmas Party. Said one, "We all thoroughly enjoyed doing it." Left to right are: Lililan V. Gillis, Jeanne P. Brown, Judith E. Nelson, Roberta R. Pennor, Eleanor J. Winney, Linda Yaffe, Mrs. Susan P. Meltzer, Jeanne E. Wynne, Mrs. Helen G. Goodridge, James A. Duncan, Dr. Paul C. Smilow and Veron S. Truell.

Deaconess Christmas Story

Gold bells, bright bows, greeting cards, New England holly and bunches of mistletoe spoke of the Christmas spirit throughout the Deaconess Hospital two weeks before the holiday. Christmas parties filled the Yule week and never before have so many attended the Annual Christmas Party.

New and old employees, oldtimers and retirees jammed the employee's cafeteria for an afternoon of fun. There was a continuous drone of Christmas chatter and "Merry Christmas" filled the air. Many danced to the Paul Monaghan trio. Cakes, candy, cookies, nuts, eggnog and punch filled a long table and all employes received a box of candy.

Responsible for the successful holiday party were: Miss Ellen D. Howland, Director of Nursing, for coverage of the punch and eggnog table; Miss Vera K. Russell, Recreation Director, School of Nursing, for the table decorations; Miss Rose M. DeFlora, Chief Dietitian, for the cakes, cookies and punch; Mrs. Hilda T. Peacock, Executive Housekeeper, and the housemen for clearing and re-arranging the Cafeteria; and Mr. W. Clifford Fisher, Purchasing Agent, for distributing the candy boxes.

Miss Ellen D. Howland held her festive Christmas Tea on December 21 at Harris Hall and the Department of Surgery featured a coffee that morning for everyone. On December 20, the Friends of the Deaconess had an open house in the lobby of the Central Building for visitors and hospital personnel. Since it was a cold snowy day, coffee, cider, cookies and donut holes were a welcome sight. Mrs. Howard F. Root was chairman.

SURPRISE PARTY — Mr. Francis W. Capper and Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief at the Deaconess, get together at the surprise testimonial given Mr. Capper who left after eight years as president of the hospital corporation to become Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Capper and Deaconess department heads joined the pre-Christmas surprise party held at the Brae Burn Country Club.

Two Staff Positions Filled In Spring

Two Spring appointments have been announced by Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director. New Personnel Director will be Mr. W. Dean Holdeman, who is presently Dean of Men at Oberlin College where he has been on the staff for the past twenty years. He has had a long-standing interest in health services and will bring experience and leadership in personnel administration, counseling, and training to the hospital.

Effective also in the Spring will be the appointment of Mr. William E. Branson to the position of Assistant Credit Manager. Mr. Branson is known already to many, as he has been associated for five years with Mr. Webster McCann, Certified Public Accountant and has been the hospital's auditor. The hospital is grateful to Mr. McCann for his willingness to release so well-trained a man as Mr. Branson.

Social Concerns

Engagements

Janis Crowley of Weston, senior at the School of Nursing, to David Lloyd Cail of Waltham, senior at the University of Maine.

Virginia Signorino, of Westwood, research assistant in Experimental Pathology, to Robert Salemme, of Newton, graduate student at Tufts School of Engineering.

Barbara Broussard, of Cambridge, Radiobiology, to James Fallon, student at Massachusetts Bay Community College, of Somerville.

Wedding

Miss Irene M. Audet, of Northbridge, assistant chief dietitian, to Mr. Leonida Borghi of Boston, an engineer for Raytheon Co., Wayland, on December 26. They will live in Wellesley.

IN MEMORIUM

Miss Ada W. Hamlyn

The hospital learned with sadness of the passing of Miss Ada W. Hamlyn, 78, who had been with the Deaconess since 1920 and had retired on January 1, 1959. She died November 8, 1964 at St. Monica's Home, where she had been very happy.

Born in St. John's, Newfoundland, Miss Hamlyn came to the United States when she was 20 years old and began working at the Palmer Memorial Hospital, then on Blue Hill Avenue. Miss Hamlyn had served as an attendant nurse, floor hostess, and cashier. Her last position was that of floor hostess with the Department of Nursing. She was very active in church work at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Bowdoin Square, where she was a member.

Sheila Meek - Girl Photographer

If not at her regular job in the Photography Department at the Cancer Research Institute, Sheila may be found digging around in old junk shops, old book and furniture stores and antique shops. The object of her search? — old cameras.

Sheila has already collected over a hundred antique cameras, almost all in perfect working condition — some with excellent lenses. "I think the cameras in the old days had much better workmanship in them. I have found old cameras with perfect bellows — no pin-holes or cracks which would ruin them. The cameras I have, can still be used today in photography."

In her collection, which ranges from 1880 to the 1920's, Sheila has mostly box cameras, view cameras and press cameras of the type that took glass plates. Before roll film was made, glass plates were coated with a light-sensitive emulsion and were inserted in the cameras, exposed and later developed; the photographer getting an image that we are familiar with today. Her favorite, and the oldest in her collection, is a very early wooden Kodak box camera made in the 1880's. One disadvantage of the camera at that time was that once the entire roll of film was exposed, the camera, with the film inside, was sent back to Kodak, where they processed and printed the pictures and then sent the camera back reloaded.

"Most of my old cameras I have found in Maine — it's a good place to look, and also in the Boston area. There are a few prime old stores in Boston where one can find old cameras, but they're my secret of course." Others in her collection have been given to her by her parents.

Sheila's interest in photography developed in high school, but only as a hobby at the time. Her main interest and major throughout her school years was science. When she went on to The College of Wooster in Ohio, she majored in Biology. At the same time, she had often read ads in the newspapers asking for medical photographers. So, she thought, why not combine both? Immediately after graduation from Wooster, she attended an eighteen month course given in Rochester, New York at Kodak's School of Medical Photography. Shortly afterwards, she began working at the Deaconess and has been here for six years.

Collector, Sheila Meek, stands with her pride, the oldest camera in her collection, an 1880 Kodak box camera, she found "off the beaten path" in Maine.

In her spare time, Sheila keeps up with her photography taking as many pictures as she can. Black and white photography was just a beginning when she later started taking slides. Nature is Sheila's main subject in her work in slides and she often gives slide shows at church gatherings and at colleges. Many of her slides have been shown at exhibits sanctioned by the Photographic Society of America, of which she is a member.

Currently she is concentrating on movie photography and is now working on a full length movie about nature along the edge of the sea. Another movie project is marine reflections. "It's like moving abstract art — it's fascinating. Of course you have to have ideal conditions and a slight breeze to ripple the water to get the effects you want."

Having a hobby and collecting comes naturally to Sheila. Her father, Dr. Frederick M. Meek, minister of the Old South Church in Boston, collects first editions of New England authors. Fine antique Wedgewood, one of the largest collections in New England, is the hobby of her mother. Sheila collects old books also — though mostly photography annuals. She's avidly compiling the entire series of the American Annual of Photography which was published from the 1880's through the early 1950's.

Sheila is a sportswoman also — she skiis, bowls on the hospital bowling team (she has won many trophies), and is experimenting with golf. She is also a member of the Boston Camera Club and the local and national Biological Photographic Association.

To make an understatement — Sheila is a very busy young woman.

What they're Saying about NEDH . . .

. . . "that old fashioned sense of 'vocation' showed forth like a fine light," one recent patient wrote about the doctors and nurses who cared for him during his stay at the Deaconess. "They all did their work very well and they made you feel that they were deeply proud of thus doing fine and important work."

Another patient writes, ". . . it was a pleasure to be attended by such dignified and competent people as I found the nursing staff to be. I write to commend you on two students, Miss Shirley Overstreet and Miss Brenda Raby . . (who) demonstrated the highest perfection of the nursing tradition . . . these ladies bespeak excellent training . . ."

From Deaconess 4, a patient had to say, "I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the wonderful care given to me . . . it would be impossible to pick out anyone in particular for the doctors and nurses seemed to have the welfare of the patient in mind."

Mr. Donald L. Sabine, Director of Maintenance Department wanted to tell his friends at the Deaconess: "Words cannot express the thanks I would like to give to all my loyal friends and rooters who did so much for me during my recent illness at the hospital.

"The well wishes helped considerably with my recovery and convolescence.

"The cards, flowers, plants, pastries, books plus blood donated for me, were kindnesses I will never forget. Not by any means forgetting the T. L. C. given by all the Nursing Staff.

"On behalf of Mrs. Sabine and myself I can only say in thanking all of you, it's great to belong to the Deaconess family."

Twenty Years Ends Service For Mrs. Gertrude C. Kimball

December 31, 1964 ended twenty years of service to the Deaconess Hospital for Mrs. Gertrude C. Kimball, who retired as Assistant Credit Manager.

Mrs. Kimball, started at the Deaconess in 1944 as assistant to the secretary of the Director of the Hospital. Very soon after, Mrs. Kimball was promoted as secretary to the head of the Credit Office.

Looking forward to her retirement, Mrs. Kimball hasn't any specific plans for the future, but with a twinkle in her eye she says she has "lots of ideas." One possible idea for this year is a trip to Hawaii to visit her married daughter and family. "I am also going to catch up on some house cleaning and learn to become a better cook."

Born in Tacoma, Washington, Mrs. Kimball came to Massachusetts five years later with her parents, since this was originally their home. She has lived in New England ever since, graduating from Boston's Girls Latin School, then attending Boston University for two years and graduating from Hickox Secretarial School. Her present home is at 52 Cedar Street, Dedham and she says, "I hope many of my friends here at Deaconess will visit me. I would be happy to see them."

"The Deaconess is the nicest place to work and has the nicest people to work with," said Mrs. Kimball on the day of her retirement.

She was honored by her colleagues in the Credit Office on December 29 at a dinner at the Charter House in Cambridge. Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive director, presented her with a Paul Revere Bowl, a gift from the hospital.

No Two Ways About It

There is only one way out (and in) of the Pharmacy and Purchasing offices now that they have consolidated.

Several months ago Charles F. Schraub, Chief Pharmacist, and W. Clifford Fisher, Deaconess Purchasing Agent, put their heads together and decided to make things easier for themselves and for others. The Purchasing and Pharmacy entrances were blocked up and one door was created in the center of the lobby, an easy access to both offices.

Another new addition to the two offices is a Call Director. Now each office is able to cover the other when one is out. Still on the planning board is the redesign of the lobby. Mr. Schraub and Mr. Fisher plan to regroup the furniture so more comfortable use can be made of the seating arrangements by sales representatives and visitors.

Honorary Degree Given Dr. Warren

The University of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro awarded Dr. Shields Warren, Director of the Research Cancer Institute, an honorary degree, "Doctor Honoris Causa," last December 10.

Doctor Warren was honored by the university for his interest and work with the Brazilian scientists and government on radiation problems.

During his stay there, Doctor Warren also gave three lectures. They were: "Radiation Induced Lukemia;" "Radiation Carcino Genesis" and "Radiation Induced Abnormalities in Chromozones."

Friends Set Record

Christmas Bazaar sales for The Friends of the Deaconess set a record — merchandise sales and donations brought in $2125.11. The past largest amount brought in for a Christmas Bazaar was over eighteen hundred dollars. The money will be given to the School of Nursing.

Laundry Gains New Assistant Roger E. Peterson

With the beginning of the new year, the Deaconess Laundry gained a new Assistant Manager, Roger E. Peterson. Mr. Peterson is working with Mr. Walter C. Emery, Manager, on a new system for the laundry to increase the per hour capacity workload.

Mr. Peterson, well acquainted with laundry systems, started in the business eight years ago. His first year was spent learning the ins and outs of laundry operation. For the next four years he managed the Stoneham Laundry in Stoneham, Massachusetts. During the next three years, before he came to the Deaconess, Mr. Peterson became interested in selling and sold laundry supplies and chemicals to hospitals and commercial firms. But Mr. Peterson couldn't stay away from the laundry business too long — "I enjoy it. It's very satisfying to me."

Originally from Woburn, he graduated from the Woburn High School in 1953 and attended Northeastern University and Franklin Institute. Mr. Peterson lives in Chelmsford with his wife, the former Jane C. McKeown of Billerica, and their two children, Donald, 4 and Paul, 2.

Division A

Pinfall to date

Team No.	Incld. Handicap	Pts.
4—Marotta	21,188	64
2—Hennessey	21,101	62
3—Colleran	20,942	61
5—Meek	19,819	61
1—Fisher	20,833	50

High Singles for Year

J. Curtis	137
E. Clapp	118

High 3-string for Year

J. Curtis	351
E. Clapp	301
S. Meek	301

High Average for Year

R. D. Lowry	105
S. Meek	95

Division B

Pinfall to date

Team No.	Incld. Handicap	Pts.
9—Weeden	21,004	61
8—Fippin	21,076	60
7—Lee	21,019	53
6—Ryan	20,953	52
10—Shapiro	20,488	29

High Singles for Year

F. Bettinelli	129
L. Gillis	132

High 3-string for Year

R. Marci	316
B. Weeden	311

High Average for Year

R. Marci	97
D. Farrell	94

Division C

Pinfall to date

Team No.	Incld. Handicap	Pts.
15—Emery	21,238	71
16—Kimber	21,321	70
12—Schraub	21,230	56
13—Winslow	21,223	52
11—Steele	21,127	48
14—MacLean	20,633	46

High Singles for Year

C. Schraub	135
J. Kimber	118

High 3-string for Year

C. Schraub	349
M. McHugh	299

High Average for Year

R. MacKay	113
M. McHugh	95